



# SJPII Family Fact Sheet 08/19/2022

“Christ, Be Our Light”



Dear SJPII Families,

School is off to a fabulous beginning. Drop-In, Drop-Off brought a steady stream of smiling students greeted by our whole team. They danced with our Eagle mascot and made their way to the Book Mobile in droves. First day of school summoned students in from the car line with a giant welcome message courtesy of Card My Yard and was an overall “rocking success” as our Eagle had again landed, making for pictures aplenty. Fr. Forbes led us in a wonderful celebration of Mass. Student body photos preceded a veritably glowing school rendition of “This Little Light of Mine” before jumping headfirst into all our academic disciplines, summer bridge book reviews, songs, athletics, foreign languages, and visual arts.

Did you get to see our freshly painted chapel and its beautifully reframed Stations of the Cross? How about our new prayer tree for SJPII’s special intentions and the traditional prayers artistically adorning our halls?

Just three days in, students are already thriving in a safe, loving, academically rigorous environment, key to spiritual development.

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Marian V. Kajfez, Principal

## NEW AND EXCITING

- **LEGO® Robotics Club:** Wednesdays beginning August 24, 2022, from 3:15pm - 4:30pm in our activity center. This club is for 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>-graders who will design, build, and program a robot using LEGO MINDSTORMS® against an educational backdrop of solving world problems and through provocatively practical challenge missions. Keep an eye out for emailed details from Ms. Haley, or contact her directly. [lhaley@jp2catholicschool.org](mailto:lhaley@jp2catholicschool.org)
- **Hot Lunch is Back:** School Mondays through Thursdays, beginning August 29th, Myra Marks has coordinated a wonderful program through MyHotLunchbox.com. To get your child set-up, read about how it works, and view participating restaurants; see Ms. Marks’ letter attached with this sheet as well as the useful MyHotLunchbox.com breakdown attached right alongside.
- **MATHCOUNTS:** Friday mornings beginning September 9, 2022, from 7:00am - 7:45am in our activity center. Does your sixth, seventh, or eighth-grader love mathematics, solve unique problems, adore puzzles? Can s/he easily hop out of bed, ready to learn at 7:00am? If you answered “yes,” it’s time to look for Ms. Haley’s emails and drop her a line. [lhaley@jp2catholicschool.org](mailto:lhaley@jp2catholicschool.org)
- **SJPII Picture Day:** 9/15/2022. Picture re-take day will be 11/7/2022. Cap & gown shots for 8<sup>th</sup>-graders is planned for 2/16/2023.
- **SJPII Eagle Choir, Public Performance:** Confirmed. The SJPII Eagle Choir will again perform for our local public at the Southern Pines Tree Lighting Ceremony, currently scheduled for November 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. Save the date. [cwalker@jp2catholicschool.org](mailto:cwalker@jp2catholicschool.org)
- **Call for Volunteers:** Mr. Laughlin is requesting help putting together two Chromebook carts. This can be done any day of the week, at school or from home, and the Track-It-Forward link for the task is here <https://www.trackitforward.com/site/419272/event/756566>
- **Call for Donations:** Ms. Kajfez is requesting monetary donations toward reframing, curtains, two replacement classroom TVs, and other school sundries. The Track-It-Forward link to this end is here <https://www.trackitforward.com/site/419272/event/748027>
- **Name Placards in Line:** Help keep the carpool line moving safely, but quickly. Our team requests that parents make their name placards more visible. Prop or angle them forward, doing so nearest the driver’s side, but without compromising your view of the road.
- **Carpool Line Maps:** Already on the first day of school, vehicles were nearly 100% compliant with the carpool line procedures. Thank you SJPII community! If you were one of the drivers experiencing confusion or one of the vehicles accidentally inching against the grain, we’ve attached, again, the bird’s eye view of our how-to. Call us with any questions and keep up the great work. 910.692.6241
- **Kids & Cars:** If you’ve a younger SJPII student in your family, please take a moment over the next few days to teach them to recognize your vehicle. Perhaps, make it a game. We call names during pick-up, of course, but we’re experiencing a bit of an extra lag time when our littlest ones do not know their family by car and are perhaps a little too shy to ask.
- **School Health Update:** If your child tests positive for COVID 19, please notify Ms. Lawson at the school. Keep the child home for 5 full days. When the student returns, the CDC recommends that s/he wear a mask at school for 5 additional days. Reach Ms. Lawson at 910.692.6241 or [dlawson@jp2catholicschool.org](mailto:dlawson@jp2catholicschool.org) with questions or to report a COVID status.

## REMINDERS

- **Mass on Campus:** Families are invited to join us for Mass at 8:30 every Wednesday in the activity center.
- **Schedule Change: Madagascar Jr. Auditions, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 3:15pm to 6:00pm** – The much anticipated and highly exciting chance to be part of this year’s spring musical had a new date and time listed here last week. That change remains and we offer it again in this reminder with our hopes that SJPII students will come share their talents with us at audition time. Watch for a Sign-Up Genius in your email from [lhaley@jp2catholicschool.org](mailto:lhaley@jp2catholicschool.org) the week prior to auditions. Fill it out and come blow us away!
- **Rosary Club:** Grades 1 to 8 – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month, beginning September 7<sup>th</sup>, 3:15pm - 4:30pm. See the flyer attached with this Family Fact Sheet and reach out to Ms. Bennett for further details. [cbennett@jp2catholicschool.org](mailto:cbennett@jp2catholicschool.org)
- **Alive in Faith Club:** Kinder to 3<sup>rd</sup>-grade students – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month, beginning October 4<sup>th</sup>, 3:15pm - 4:45pm. See the flyer attached with this Family Fact Sheet and reach out to Ms. Herpy for further details. [mherpy@jp2catholicschool.org](mailto:mherpy@jp2catholicschool.org)
- **Join The Eagle Choir:** All students in grades 4 through 8 are welcome to join our choir. Students need not have participated in this summer’s Eagle Choir Boot Camp to take part. Simply contact Ms. Walker for details ( [cwalker@jp2catholicschool.org](mailto:cwalker@jp2catholicschool.org) ). Choir rehearsals are both once a week during school hours and Wednesday mornings before Mass. Eagle Choir additionally performs at local venues.
- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation:** Confirmation, for 8<sup>th</sup>-graders, who have been in preparation for the Sacrament, will be held at Sacred Heart on Thursday, May 11th at 6:30 pm. Contact Ms. D’Argenio [ldargenio@jp2catholicschool.org](mailto:ldargenio@jp2catholicschool.org) with any questions.